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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: CONNECTING ELEMENT FOR A  
MECHANICALLY AND ELECTRICALLY  
CONDUCTIVE CONNECTION

Examiner: C. N. Nguyen

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 8, 2006 (Paper No. 20060203). Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.